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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF JOHN L. LOEB, JR.

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1. EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASE TO ASSIST MR. LOEB AS APPROPRIATE BUT WE FRANKLY QUESTION UTILITY OF HIS VISIT, PARTICULARLY FOR PERIOD AS LONG AS ONE WEEK. SUGGEST EMBASSY BEIRUT MIGHT PASS FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS TO MR. LOEB FOR HIS CONSIDERATION BEFORE CONTINUING WITH PROPOSED VISIT TO ABU DHABI.

2. GULF AREA, AND ABU DHABI IN PARTICULAR, IS EXPERIENCING FRENETIC CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND LARGE INCREASE IN POPULATION. GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATES FULL ENERGIES ON INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ON PROVISION OF BASIC ELECTRIC AND WATER SERVICES. MAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ARE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SEWAGE, BUT URBAN PLANNING IS IN RUDIMENTARY STATE AND IS LOW ON ORDER OF GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES. THERE ARE NO HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN EITHER INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. ADD ON PROBLEM OF MANY OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS BEING AWAY DURING THIS PERIOD OF YEAR, AND END RESULT IS THAT EMBASSY FEARS YOU MAY FIND TIME ON YOUR HANDS HERE IN ABU DHABI.
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